Trustee Website Committee Report
January 2016

There has been no activity with the Trustee website, relative to deployment of new features in the traditional 'test mode' before the Phoenix Trustee Meeting.

However, a new development has occurred after many discussions by the Board of Regents relative to converting the LifeLiner Bulletin being converted into a digital format. Cost considerations are at the heart of this topic, as the elimination of printing and postage costs are an important component of the monthly expenses of the ISO.

A BOR committee has approached the Trustee website committee about the issues that might exist regarding domiciling the LifeLiner Bulletin on the Trustee website. Questions of costs to accomplish this were asked, along with the degree of difficulty in completing such a task each month.

Addressing those and other questions, here are some of the items, as it relates to the Trustee website.
• A separate website page could easily be setup for the LifeLiner Bulletin
• Current and past issues could be stored without problem
• The PDF file format is the most widely used document for viewing by all website users
• Since the LifeLiner is put into PDF format for the printer, loading such a file on the website is similar to any other file.
• Time to upload the PDF file, code the website for the file, and making it available to the Fellowship, requires very little effort

The January 2016 issue has been loaded to the Trustee website in a test mode, which is currently only available to the Board of Regents members to evaluate during the February Board of Regents meeting on 2/20/16. All GA members are able to listen in on this and every BOR meeting through a conference call bridge:
3rd Saturday of every month
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An additional issue is something very significant as it relates to the future of how conference committees run their international conferences. San Diego is working diligently on a web-based registration package, which was announced in Cancun. The site is expected to be released just after the Phoenix conference is completed. This is an ambitious plan that will not only allow for registration, credit card payments, hotel reservations and many other aspects of the conference.

The Trustee Website Committee is working with the conference committee regarding compliance of the new site and the Local Area Website Guidelines, Trustee Website Guidelines and most important, the Guidance Code.

Trusteewebsite.com is an older technology platform that is highly customizable; however, it is not particularly easy to use for adding complex features. This would require the services of a programmer. Although the new features could be implemented, it is not something that anyone on the Trustee Website Committee could accomplish. The Trustee Website Committee has been looking at other platforms upon which to use for the Trustee website. The WordPress application is one that has been discussed, but the existing features of the site would actually require someone who is familiar with programming WordPress sites. The committee will continue to search of other substitute sites that would make file uploading and daily maintenance a simpler process.

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